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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM CHRISTOPHER

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SUBJECT: EVENING READING

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF FRIDAY'S EVENING READING.

1. NORTH KOREAN MILITARY SEA BOUNDARY. WHEN AMBASSADOR TOON EXPRESSED OUR CONCERN YESTERDAY OVER THE RECENT NORTH KOREAN SEA BOUNDARY ACTION, SOVIET DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ILICHEV MADE STANDARD REFERENCE TO NORTH KOREA'S SOVEREIGNTY AND ABILITY TO TAKE STEPS TO PROTECT ITS INTERESTS. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE ISSUE OF HOW THE ACTION SQUARES WITH THE RULES OF THE LAW OF THE SEA IS UNDER CAREFUL STUDY IN MOSCOW, AND THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD BE GUIDED "BY OUR COMMON INTERESTS IN THIS MATTER." ILICHEV CONVEYED A SENSE THAT THE SOVIETS SHARE OUR CONCERN, AND PROMISED TO GET BACK TO US ON THE ISSUE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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PRC LIAISON OFFICE ACTING CHIEF HAN HSU WAS LESS FORTH-COMING WHEN WE RAISED THE MATTER WITH HIM YESTERDAY. WHEN TOLD THAT WE HAD SPOKEN TO THE NORTH KOREANS AT PANMUNJOM AND WISHED TO MAKE OUR POSITION CLEAR TO ALL GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED WITH THE ISSUE, HAN RESPONDED THAT IF WE HAD ANYTHING TO SAY TO THE NORTH KOREANS WE SHOULD DO SO

DIRECTLY AND NOT ASK THE CHINESE TO DO SO.

2. U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS. THE NEW INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE CREATED BY THE NSC TO COORDINATE RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION HELD ITS FIRST MEETING TODAY UNDER THE CO-CHAIRMANSHIP OF GEORGE VEST AND MARSHALL SHULMAN. THE VARIOUS PROBLEMS RAISED BY THE 17 AGENCIES AND BUREAUS REPRESENTED AT THE MEETING CONFIRMED THE NEED FOR BETTER COORDINATION. THE INITIAL SESSION AGREED ON HOW TO STAFF OUT THE DECISION WHETHER TO EXTEND THE AGRICULTURE COOPERATION AGREEMENT SIGNED AT THE 1973 SUMMIT AND SET UP ARRANGEMENTS TO ASSURE THAT DECISIONS ON HIGH-LEVEL VISITS TO OR FROM THE SOVIET UNION ARE CLEARED BY YOU OR THE NSC BEFORE INVITATIONS ARE ACCEPTED.

3. CSCE. I MET TODAY WITH AMBASSADOR SHERER AND HIS DELEGATION, NOW RETURNED FROM BELGRADE. HE DESCRIBED THE FINAL DAYS OF NEGOTIATION THAT LED TO THE RUSSIANS' DECISION TO COME CLOSER TO OUR POSITION, NOTING THAT THE SOVIETS CLEARLY IMPLIED THAT THEY ARE NOT PREPARED TO TAKE THE BLAME FOR LETTING THE CSCE PROCESS BREAK DOWN. WE REVIEWED THE WORK SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT EIGHT WEEKS AS WE PREPARE FOR THE MAIN MEETING; PREPARATORY WORK HAS BEEN UNDER WAY FOR SOME TIME BOTH HERE AND AT OUR NATO MISSION. A DETAILED REVIEW OF THE BASIC POLICY QUESTIONS WE FACE WILL BE MADE BY THE POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE ON AUGUST 23. THESE INCLUDE, FOR EXAMPLE, THE POLITICAL
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TONE WE SHOULD ATTEMPT TO SET AT BELGRADE, HOW WE SHOULD CONDUCT THE REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION, AND WHAT NEW PROPOSALS WE SHOULD ADVANCE OR BE PREPARED TO ENDORSE. WE WILL KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH YOU AS OUR WORK PROGRESSES.

4. FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION. POST-SUMMIT WORK TO LAY THE BASIS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION IS APPROACHING COMPLETION. WE HAVE TOLD THE SIX OTHER PARTICIPANTS THAT THE REPORT THE EXPERTS WORKED OUT ON JULY 28 IN PARIS IS ACCEPTABLE TO US, AND THE FRENCH HAVE CONFIRMED THEIR PUBLIC STATEMENT THAT THEY EXPECT TO PARTICIPATE. INFORMAL WEST GERMAN AND JAPANESE REACTIONS ARE ALSO FAVORABLE.

WE HAVE CIRCULATED REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE TO ABOUT THIRTY-FIVE COUNTRIES. AN INITIAL CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON IS TENTATIVELY SET FOR OCTOBER 19-21, AND WE WILL BE PURSUING ACTIVE CONSULTATIONS TO PREPARE THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE AND TO ORGANIZE THE FOLLOW-ON TECHNICAL STUDIES.

5. NON-PROLIFERATION LEGISLATION. YOU ASKED TO BE KEPT INFORMED OF THE KEY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE ADMINISTRATION BILL AND THE BILLS REPORTED LAST WEEK BY THE SENATE GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE. ATTACHED IS A SUMMARY OF THOSE DIFFERENCES. (NOT TRANSMITTED). CHRISTOPHER

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